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The Honorable Jess Larson
Administrator, General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larson:

Reference is made to your letter of 21 December 1951, attaching thereto for review and comment a proposed Personal Property Management Regulation on the subject of "Criteria for Determining Method of Supply".

Pursuant to the basic and necessarily selective procurement authorities granted under permanent Agency legislation, Public Law 110, 81st Congress, the procurement and other related activities of the Central Intelligence Agency do not appear to generate, nor is it contemplated that they will generate, the type of problem in procurement, warehousing, and related activities, the solution of which is the objective of Public Law 152, 81st Congress. In general, the Central Intelligence Agency procurement and related phases are circumscribed and arise from procurement requirements of particular or local applicability. It was in recognition of the foregoing that the provisions of Public Law 152 were not made applicable to the Central Intelligence Agency.

It appears that the problem is general; therefore, it is suggested that the first sentence of paragraph one, entitled "General", be amended to read as follows:

"This Regulation, developed cooperatively by the General Services Administration, other civilian agencies, and the Department of Defense, is issued pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (Public Law 152, 81st Congress), as amended, and is in consonance with the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (Public Law 413, 80th Congress), and the provisions of other laws recognizing or authorizing the performance of agency functions."

In those circumstances where our activities of a departmental nature fall within the specified area of interest and the proposed

regulation, we shall be pleased to cooperate and engage fully in any program which is advantageous to, or increases the efficiency of, the Government.

Sincerely,

L. R. WHITE
Acting Deputy Director

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